

**OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION OFFERS
WORLD RENOWNED ARTWORK AS UNITED WAY FUNDRAISER**

The Office of Employee Recognition (OER) is pleased to announce their United Way fundraising raffle. Thanks to the generous donation of the art piece entitled *La Paloma* by renowned artist Rafael Marin.



Born in the capitol nearest to paradise, Madrid, Spain in 1952 where nature is exposed best and fine dining is a rite. In 1975 Marin relocated to Miami - since then he proudly calls it his permanent residence. Throughout his career, Marin has received numerous awards and honorary mentions. Since 2001 he has participated in the County's Annual Hispanic Art Expressions exhibit hosted by the Miami-Dade County Office of Community Relations, Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board.

Marin has exhibited his work in New York galleries and in museums across Europe. Marin devotes his days creating vivid reflections full of color, life and emotion, leaving in each of his pieces a fraction of his inner-self.

When asked about his work and what he sees in it, his response is spontaneous. "I see what you see, nothing is left to the imagination, the beauty of realism needs no explanation, art is art...and this is art." A man of few words, nevertheless satiated with sensitiveness, has been commended, on several occasions, for his extraordinary work by numerous organizations, art critics and newspapers.

We are very grateful to him for donating his art piece in the hopes of raising funds for the County's United Way campaign.

Tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each. For further information please contact the Office of Employee Recognition at (305) 375-5846.